answer could have been given to the other cases where tenders have been called for.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I went to several shops, saw the articles myself, satisfied myself that they were the lowest prices and purchased them.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is it possible to go to each shop where these articles are sold? I mean if tenders are called for, outside people can also tender. Have you exhausted all the shops that were dealing with these articles?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Direct purchases are made only from Cochin and Ernakulam. Others were all by written orders.

Confirmation—First grade District and Sessions Judge.

222. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) why the post of the First grade District and Sessions Judge is kept vacant ;

(2) is there any reason for not confirming Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) It is not vacant.

(2) He has been confirmed.

St. Mary's School—Needle-work Mistress.

223. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether their attention was drawn to the "[illegible] ൩൩൩" Malayattur, in the issue of the Gomathi dated 13th Mithunam 1107 at page 10 ;

(2) whether there was any tampering with the license of the Needle-work Mistress referred to therein ;

(3) who was the Manager of the school and who was the Mistress ;

(4) when and by whom was it detected and

(5) what was the report of the officer who detected it;

(6) did the Mistress give any explanation regarding the affair ;

(7) if so, what was it ;

(8) were orders issued to prosecute the Manager ;

(9) was this order subsequently withdrawn; and if so, under what circumstances ;

(10) what was the report about this incident before orders were issued for prosecution ;

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